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## BUSH HALTS DOJ PROBE OF BIG ENERGY FIRMS SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING THE CLEAN AIR ACT

*Administration Hands Big Energy Firms BILLIONS  
By Putting a Freeze on Already Reached Settlements!!!*

"The Bush administration has frozen one of the largest environmental investigations in U.S. history, a probe involving dozens of utilities, oil companies and other firms accused or suspected of violating the clean air act."

"The [Bush Administration] review freezes cases that already have reached settlement agreements totaling billions of dollars."

*(Wall St. Journal, 6/28/01)*

Yesterday, as George W. Bush was re-launching a PR campaign in an attempt to sell his pro-Big Energy plan, the Wall Street Journal reported that the President had sold out the interests of the American people in favor of his Big Energy pals.

The Wall St. Journal reported that the Bush Administration has put a temporary halt to a DOJ probe of dozens of Big Energy Industry companies accused of violating the Clean Air Act (in effect handing over billions of dollars to the heaviest polluting Big Energy Firms). **Many of these Big Energy companies had already agreed to pay billions of dollars in fines for their violations of the clean air regulations – regulations put into place by George W. Bush's father's Administration!!!!** The Wall St. Journal article goes on to say:

Companies involved in talks include Exxon Mobil Corporation, which received a notice of violation for its Baytown, Texas, refinery and information requests covering six other refineries this year. [Exxon] Spokeswoman Jeanne Miller said that "once this matter gets discussed in more detail, we don't think there will be any penalties or fines."

And the Bush Administration told many of their Big Energy pals to delay in upgrading their pollution control:

**"James Sanderlin, senior vice president for Dominion Resources Inc., said the Richmond, Va., utility was about to sign a consent decree with the Justice Department in which the company promises to comply with a \$1.2 billion pollution-control upgrade when government negotiators said Dominion should wait until Aug. 17, when the review is finished."** (Wall St. Journal, 6/28/01)

The review and delay of these Clean Air investigations were brought on by the Bush-Cheney Energy Task Force, the same task force that wrote the Bush pro-Big Energy plan with the help of industry giants like Exxon -- **nothing but the best for the Big Energy Companies that put Bush and Cheney in the White House.**

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